MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Director of Central Intelligence

FROM

: William W. Wells

Deputy Director for Operations

SUBJECT

: Revision in Trial Period

REFERENCE

: Memo for A/DCI through DDA from D/Pers, Same

Subject, dtd 16 Feb 77

1. This memorandum provides comments on the proposals contained in referent memorandum.

- 2. We reaffirm our interest in extending the probationary employment period for new employees to three years and concur with the Director of Personnel's proposal for a two-phase probationary period retaining the current trial period of 12 months, wherein termination within the first year would be by the Director of Personnel on the recommendation of the Career Service and review by the Office of Personnel. We agree alsothat there be a requirement for a formal evaluation, in writing, of the employee's suitability before the end of the first year and, again, before the end of the three-year period. A requirement that the Heads of Operating Components make a case in writing for or against retention at the end of the three-year probationary period would be a forward step in our personnel management system and would emphasize the importance we place on supervisory responsibilities toward our new people and the early and thorough assessment of them.
- 3. We support the proposal that the Director's authority to terminate during this extended three-year trial period be delegated to the Director of Personnel, with an appeals mechanism, whether that delegation be of the inherent authority of the Director as Head of the Agency, or of his termination authority in Section 102(c) of the National Security Act.

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